
USAG Heidelberg
Cross Functional Team
Meeting Minutes
12 April 2006

Ms Diemer opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees and everyone introduced themselves. Ms Diemer asked the group if there were comments or questions regarding the 7 March meeting minutes. No comments were made. Brian Colabella briefed upcoming Earth Week activities. Mr Colabella also handed out earth week calendars and posters. Ms Diemer discussed the need for an Environmental Management System Management Representative (EMSMR). The EMSMR will be appointed by the Commander and reports directly to the Commander. The EMSMR is also responsible for chairing the CFT meetings and has more direct authority. The CFT agreed this was important for EMS implementation to continue. Harry Connors said he would be meeting with Colonel Gaddis this week and would recommend the Chief of Staff be appointed as the management representative.

Due outs from the last meeting were discussed. Ms Diemer is still working on getting information regarding energy efficient light bulbs being distributed from the self help store. A new energy policy was implemented at the DPW stating computers will be shut off at night. This policy has not been implemented anywhere else on the Garrison, as security updates have not been completed. Mr Connors suggested there be a set time each week for computers to be left on for updates. Travis Vowinkle informed the group that he had submitted a work order for motion sensors for lighting to be installed in the DPW bathrooms and is awaiting approval. Charles Horangue said the hospital is currently using energy efficient light bulbs and estimated several thousand light bulbs are now energy efficient. Ms Diemer discussed an update submitted by Phil Tinsley saying AAFES uses T-5 bulbs throughout their facilities. Also, AAFES has lowered corporate lighting standards from 100 foot candles to 75 foot candles. Ms Naomi Ambridge asked about heating/cooling standards for AAFES, referencing the temporary PX location, and Mr Vowinkle will find out. Ms Ambridge handed out a template for the shut off list to be issued to all offices once completed. Ms Diemer suggested using the Command Information Channel to spread the word and Ms Ambridge mentioned the commissary runs a scrolling message board at the check-out area.

Mr Vowinkle briefed a chart created by Sabine Sauer, Operations and Maintenance Division, comparing FY03 electrical consumption to current FY06 consumption. According to Mr Vowinkle, the difference in consumption is from CUMACS being implemented on the Garrison. The kilowatt hours for FY06 are currently lower than FY03. Mr Vowinkle also stated the difference is not from deployment or weather. Ms Diemer also mentioned the Army Energy Policy. New initiatives can be created using this policy. Procurement of energy star equipment is one initiative also stated in the Army Policy. Ms Diemer will send out the Army Energy Policy with the meeting minutes.

Restructuring was discussed because of the changes it will bring to the Garrison, including building usage and closure. The Global Rebasing and Restructuring Team can provide us with updated facilities checklists and building codes. Mr Connors stated as part of restructuring, abandoned hazardous waste will be found and will need to be disposed of. Mr Connors also said Ron Joy should now be included in the CFT as he is new to the Public Affairs Office.

Future Environmental Programs were discussed. Patrick Griffin and Ms Diemer discussed the possibility of including Hazardous Waste as a new environmental program. The Environmental Division will look into possible objectives and targets and bring them to the CFT for input.

Ms Diemer asked if there were anymore questions or comments, which there were none. The next CFT meeting is to be determined as we are awaiting the appointment of the management representative. Ms Diemer thanked the group for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 14:30.

Due Outs

Katherina Diemer: Procurement of energy efficient bulb distribution at the self help store and send out Army Energy Policy with meeting minutes.

Travis Vowinkle: Check if there are heating/cooling standards for AAFES, look into a Herald Post article regarding energy efficiency.

Naomi Ambridge: Completion of shut off check list for administrative areas.

Environmental Division: Possibility of Hazardous Waste as a future environmental program under EMS.

Attendees

Mose Ross, CSC

Harry Connors

Sofie Zach

Chris Duey

Travis Vowinkle

Patrick Griffin

Brian Colabella

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Charles Horangae

Naomi Ambridge

Katherina Diemer

Ernest Tafoya
EMS Management Representative

Attachments

Department of the Army Interim Policy Guidance – Army Energy Conservation

Distribution

Cross Functional Team Members

Mr Lawrence Ryan, Director of Public Works, USAG Heidelberg

Mr Bill Taylor, USAG Heidelberg

Mr Ernest Tafoya, Chief of Staff, USAG Heidelberg

COL Willie Gaddis, Commander, USAG Heidelberg